

TOWN OF RUMNEY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 30, 2014

Selectmen: Ed Haskell, Dan Kimble, Cheryl Lewis
Clerk: Diana Kindell

Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Septic Designs: Designs for replacement septic systems were approved for the following locations:
Merrithew – Tax Map #12-07-04-01 and Kearney – Tax Map #12-14-03.

Dog Warrant: The Dog Warrant for 2014 was signed.

Cemetery Lots: The Certification of Cemetery Lots was signed.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 16, 2014 were approved as written.

Notes: The Chairman stated Brett Miller, Rumney Police Department, had commended David Coursey, Fire Chief and his department for their services at Stinson Lake on June 28, 2014. The department worked well with the various police departments providing lighting and assistance as needed.

Cheryl Lewis expressed her appreciation of the Fire Dept. last Thursday when the Baker River Campground was flooding. The Chief and several members moved campers out of harm's way to prevent damage should the water continue to rise.

Highway Dept.: Frank Simpson and the Board opened bids received for the repair work and black topping of the upper section of Buffalo Road. Bids received were as follows:

DA White	\$66,500
ME Latulippe	\$68,500

After reviewing the specs for the job against the bids, Ed H. made a motion, seconded by Dan K. to accept the bid from DA White. This was agreed to by the Board.

RFQ's for the Buffalo Road bridge replacement were received from HE Bergeron and DuBois & King. The Board will review these prior to the next meeting.

Trouth – Barn Easement Hearing: No one was present to discuss this easement and the information provided was insufficient to hold this hearing.

Senator Jeanie Forrester: Senator Forrester recapped the year stating over 700 bills passed through the Senate last year with 242 passed. They pertained mostly to three categories – health care, energy and transportation.

Senator Forrester sponsored several bills including reform of the SEC to work more with citizen's wants and less with private enterprise. She worked for reform of the EBT card but unfortunately, though it was passed by the Senate it was killed in the House of Representatives.

FEMA monies were secured for the State and matching funds aided the towns.

The recreational vehicle taxation was reviewed. They worked with the campgrounds and the towns to arrive at a uniform taxing. The abatement process was reviewed and more authority was given to the Select Boards.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, she strived to stabilize the “rainy day fund” by adding overage funds to it. This bill was downed. The State does need an emergency plan.

Cheryl L. thanked her for her hard work over the past year.

Dan K. questioned if State aid for schools would be coming back and her reply was “she is hopeful it will”.

Cheryl questioned if she could assist the town with closure of the monitoring wells at the transfer station that has been ongoing for years? As there has never been an issue found the town would like to see an end to this project. Sen. Forrester will talk with the Commissioner, does have a tour planned with him and she will try to add Rumney to their list of places to visit. Anne will provide her with more information on this situation.

Ed questioned why the rural state roads never get repaired and maintained as the major highways do? The process hinges on the priorities of DOT. She will check in to the spending process of DOT.

It was asked if the state could have more input with safety regulations for blasting. Senator Forrester remained at the meeting for a blasting complaint discussion. The Town Blasting Regulations will be provided to her.

David Saad questioned the status of the vacant rest area on Route 25 and if could be used for access to the Baker River. It is the safest access point to the river for recreational use providing ample parking. He is President of the Baker River Watershed Association and stated they would back it being opened. Greg S. suggested it be taken over by Fish & Game.

Blasting Complaint – Greg Sanborn: Greg presented a written complaint to the Selectmen of fly rock that shot into his sand pit during the blast at CNHA on May 29th. The whole wall was blown in one blast and rock possibly flew off the face of the cliff. He also would like the 10’ buffer put back between the two properties.

Mary Barnes questioned why they blasted after 5:00 o’clock and was told it was shot after Polar Caves closed and no people would be in the caves. Polar Caves did close early on that day to clear the caves.

Carl Spring said this is the 4th time a blast has caused problems. They need to limit the size of the blast. Both State Police and MSHA should be contacted. MSHA did in fact fine CNHA for damage sustained during one blast. Greg stated the owner puts money ahead of safety and a fine is not effective – closing the pit would get better results of compliance.

There are several excavation violations in addition to the lack of procedure being followed by the blasting company. Steve Weber has reviewed the RSA’s and enforcement procedures and suggests we have a good understanding of these while proceeding.

The blasting company failed to properly notify town agencies or abutters nor did they blow warning whistles prior to the blast. There were no “blasting area” signs in place. Greg can recover damages from the blasting companies insurance and will proceed to do that. The town has options such as cancelling CNHA’s Intent to Excavate and deny a blasting permit now that our Regulations are in affect. The town also should request a blasting report for that day and seismograph charts showing ground vibrations. This blast shook homes across the river from the pit.

Cheryl made a motion to contact Ken Knowlton, MRI, to do a complete inspection of the pit and all affected properties and provide a list to work with as well as a suggested direction of enforcement. Dan

seconded this motion and all agreed. Ken will be accompanied by Ed Haskell for the pit inspection at CNHA and Greg Sanborn will join them to view the rock and damage to his pit. MSHA and State Police will be contacted to view the damage and provide a report.

Administrative:

Timber Issue: A complaint was received and reviewed regarding a timber cut.

Mr. Savoie notified the Board he was obtaining the necessary signatures for his Intent to Cut.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector window: One quote had been received to build the second window for this office. Linda will obtain more quotes before the next meeting.

Primex: Anne will contact them for an update for the planned meetings with department heads.

NHEC Mediation: The mediation will take place on July 10th and 11th in Concord. Anne and Dan will be attending.

Meetings: The Board will be meeting on July 7th and July 21st.

Police Dept: Chief Main updated the Board on the issue at Stinson Lake the previous evening.

Chief Main has submitted his retirement notice which will take effect July 27, 2014. The Board has accepted his notice.

Non Public Session: Dan made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a), seconded by Ed Haskell at 9:15 pm. It was agreed to by the Board. A motion to seal the minutes was made by Dan, seconded by Ed and agreed to. At 10:10 pm Dan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Ed and agreed to. A decision was made to appoint Brett Miller as Officer in Charge, effective July 28, 2014, upon the retirement of Chief Main.

Citizen inquiry: A citizen requested information on what constitutes an abutter. This was discussed.

Signed: Checks; Septic approval Tax Map #12-07-04-01, Tax Map #12-14-03; Dog Warrant; Certificates of Cemetery Lot

Upcoming:

- 07/04 Town Office Closed July 4th Holiday
- 07/07 Selectmen's Meeting
- 07/10 & 11 NHEC Mediation – Concord
- 07/12 Quincy Bog Anniversary
- 07/19 Rumney Got Lunch Yard Sale – Common
- 07/21 Selectmen's Meeting
- 07/29 Planning Board Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Kindell, Clerk

